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24 September 1954

CURRENT SITUATION - CHINESE OFFSHORE ISLANDS

I. Continuing Communist threat to Quemoy:

- A. Communist artillery hit Quemoy with 3,600 rounds on 22 September.
- B. Compares with 6,000 rounds on 3 September; 100-200 rounds daily average since 3 September.
- C. Latest shelling may be response to Nationalist strikes.
- D. May presage more aggressive Communist defense of Amoy area, including use of planes.

II. No signs, however, that Communist land and naval forces being concentrated for invasion of Quemoy.

- 1. Also no evidence Communist air units moved closer to Quemoy.

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- B. Still some chance of Communist air and amphibious attacks on Quemoy, particularly if US forces in area withdrawn.
 - C. As face-saving alternative, Communists might attack two tiny islands southwest of Quemoy.
- III. Continuing Nationalist operations in Amoy area:
- A. Nationalist air and naval patrols along Fukien and Chekiang coasts.
 - B. Nationalist bombing of mainland targets continuing.
 - C. Reinforced artillery has permitted heavier Nationalist counter-fire.
 - D. Additional tanks soon to be sent; demolition teams arriving to begin raids on mainland.

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E. Nationalist reported planning raid on mainland, in brigade strength, after 30 September.

F. This planned raid may be intended to provoke Communist counteraction and involve US forces.

IV. Renewed threat to Tachens.

A. Unusually large concentration Communist shipping observed in Haimen area, 25 miles NW of Tachens, on 13 September.

B. Two days later, Communist artillery fired on Ichiang, 9 miles NW of Tachens.

C. Communist air patrolling of area between Ningpo and Tachens continues.

D. Shipping necessary to transport 30,000 troops--enough to take Tachens--could be assembled by Communists quickly, with little warning.

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V. Nationalists alert to threat.

- A. Nationalists have intensified
air and sea reconnaissance near
Tachens, have ordered supplies
to Tachens increased.
- B. Nationalist strength on Tachens
about 10,000 regulars, 7,500
guerrillas.

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